

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
AUGUST 25, 2022**

Council Member: You are hereby notified that there will be a regular meeting of the Boone County Council at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, in the City of Lebanon, on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman President Elise Nieshalla called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Jennifer Hostetter, Aaron Williams, Don Lamb, Marcia Wilhoite, and John Riner.

Mr. Bob Guernsey spoke in regards to supporting this REA monies for the LEAP Project. Councilman Lamb stated they need to move forward with it, because there is no great second option. Councilman Riner stated they need a plan in place. Councilwoman Wilhoite asked if the Commissioners received a letter from EDC? Commissioner Wolfe stated no signed document yet from IEDC, they just verbally committed. Until MOU is finalized, emails can not be released. Commissioner Wolfe stated roughly IEDC committed to half of the soft cost. Councilwoman Wilhoite stated she would like the Commissioners to use the \$551,000 that is in Rainy Day in Commissioner line for this. Commissioner Wolfe stated he would like to only use up to \$100,000 in that line, since they have other projects they need to spend that on.

The resolution was typed up to move the \$798,000 out of Rainy Day and put in County General Commissioner budget. Councilwoman Wilhoite made a motion to **not** pass the Resolution and Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried, 4-3.

Mr. Brian Daggy from the Boone County Preservation stated he would like to see the Rainy Day money go towards this project.

Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to commit up to \$698,000 of Rainy Day fund for this, subject to reimbursement from State. Reimbursement will go to County General then do Resolution to go back into Rainy Day. Councilman Lamb seconded, Votes were 3-3, President Nieshalla had to vote to break tie, Councilwoman Nieshalla voted yes, so it passed 4-3.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL OF APPROPRIATIONS
COMMISSIONERS/RAINY DAY

Commissioner Wolfe presented an additional request for:

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Councilwoman Hostetter made the motion to approve, and Councilman Lamb seconded. Motion carried, 4-3.

NEW BUSINESS

Nick Parr and Mike Goralski with the Highway spoke about the SS4A Grant. After discussion the grant with Council, Council agreed to give a letter of support to pursue Safe Streets Grant. Councilman Lamb made a motion, Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Workshop discussion will happen after Special Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nic Braner was questioning the SSA tax refund. Nick Parr stated that the SSA still shows \$0 as of today. Auditor Crum stated after waiting on our vendor for Software to figure out a file that we can upload, we uploaded it and waiting on SSA to do their part, so it is taken care of and should show up on SSA side as soon as they upload.

Councilman Lamb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Minutes Prepared by Melissa Smith, Deputy Auditor.

Elise Nieshalla
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date